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Great loss

Prominent Minden Hills citizen passes away in Costa Rica

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Folk show

Prairie duo stops in Stanhope for concert

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Lochlin celebrates St. Patrick's Day

President of the Lochlin Community Centre Paula Reid, second from right, presents a shamrock plant to raffle winner Will Goldsby, far right, at the annual St. Patrick's Day stew dinner held on March 13.

Featuring homemade stew and coleslaw the event raises funds for the centre, which is self-sufficient. This year's dinner included three seatings, all of which were immensely popular.

Angelica Blenich
Times staff

Festival pitched to MH council

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

and Art Thibierge visited councillors at their March 10 meeting to talk about the event they are calling Foodstock.

The group is planning to hold the three- to four-day event, which would be a food and music festival, at the Minden fairgrounds in August and is hoping Foodstock will become a legacy event the community can host on an annual basis.

"To get this up and running, we need to do everything possible to save money," Teljeur said.

The group is hoping to work with the township's recreation department on the event and Teljeur hoped the use of the fairgrounds might prompt organizers of other events to use the space.

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RIDE checks 561 vehicles over weekend

On the weekend of March 12, officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment conducted RIDE checks at various locations throughout Haliburton County. In all, 561 vehicles were stopped, with Highway Traffic Act charges laid and three warnings given.

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) is a provincial initiative led by the police community that runs all year long and involves police spot checks where vehicles are stopped and drivers are checked for impairment.

The OPP is always on the lookout for motorists who, by their driving manner, could possibly be impaired. The OPP sets up RIDE programs at various times of the day and in various locations every day of the year, not just at Christmas time.

If you spot an impaired driver, contact the OPP by dialing 911, or 1-888-310-1122.

Minden man charged

On March 11 at approximately 1 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a minor collision between a stopped car and a pickup truck on Invergordon Avenue in Minden. Upon arrival of officers, the OPP determined that the driver of the pickup truck had been consuming alcohol.

A 61-year-old Minden man has been charged with driving with over 80 mgs and is to appear in Minden court on April 6.

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Penny Obee dies in Costa Rica

Jenn Watt

Editor

The county lost one of its most active community members Monday after Penny Obee of the Carnarvon area passed away while on vacation in Costa Rica.

A strong rip tide in Playa Bejuco carried Penny out to sea March 14 as she was swimming. Her body was later recovered.

She was 63.

Penny and her husband Bill, a former Minden Hills councillor, have three grown children: Hunter, Janna and Meaghan.

She was most recently a travel agent, but also had a long career in education.

Before becoming principal of Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, she was vice-principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and also worked at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"She had the energy of five people and the enthusiasm of 10," said former HHSS principal Gary Brohman, who worked with Penny for more than two years in the mid 1990s.

"She was a caring, caring lady who put a lot of energy into



Retired principal Penny Obee, seen here with husband Bill died this week while on holiday. /File photo

kids. She'll be sadly missed in our community."

It was Penny's larger-than-life personality that longtime friend and colleague Debbie Wales will miss the most.

"She just filled the room with laughter and fun. She was just an amazing, amazing person. She lived every minute," Wales said Tuesday.

"She was so incredibly talented and so giving. She did that little extra thing that made things special."

As of press time, no memorial plans have been made by the family.

Arts grants up for grabs

Arts Alive Minden, in support of cultural programs covering the spectrum of arts, crafts, drama, literature, music and photography, is launching its 2011 Community Grants Program. Grants are in the \$300 to \$1,000 range.

Minden Hills receives accessibility funding

Accessibility projects in Minden Hills and Dysart et al will be moving ahead thanks to funding from the federal government.

MP Barry Devolin announced more than \$400,000 in funding for projects in the riding this week.

Minden Hills will receive nearly \$55,000 for outdoor lighting and automatic washroom doors at the cultural centre as well as more than \$33,000 to renovate the reception area and washrooms at the township office.

Dysart et al is receiving nearly \$69,000 for the installation of ramps and washroom renovations at the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Haliburton's Lakeside Baptist Church will receive \$75,000 for the installation of a lift.

Dorset drivers needed

Community Care Haliburton is putting the call out for volunteer drivers in the Dorset area.

Do you have some extra time in your week to give a helping hand?

They are looking for volunteer drivers to transport seniors and adults with disabilities to medical appointments both locally and to bigger centres.

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For more information on volunteering for Community Care Haliburton County contact Brigitte@communitycarehaliburton.com or by calling 705-457-2941.

All artists or community groups who have innovative programs or events to offer residents and visitors to Minden Hills are encouraged to apply.

These programs are to be held in Minden Hills during the fiscal year of March 1, 2011 through Feb. 28, 2012.

Grant application forms are available from, and must be completed and submitted electronically to:

Michael Fay

Chair of Arts Alive Minden
fay.m@sympatico.ca

For more information visit our website at www.artsalive-minden.ca.

The deadline for grant applications is April 15, 2011.

Take the kids to Dorset library

March Break story time

March 16

2 to 3 p.m.

Haliburton County Public Library, Dorset branch

Children and families are invited to hear about how Bear snores on in his cave, while animals like Mouse make a nice warm fire and Hare cooks popcorn. They are having a great time until bear wakes up....

Free admission to story time with Beverlea Jackson, an early literacy specialist, to be followed by children's activities.

Poetry reading by Ron Evans

March 16

3 to 4 p.m.

Haliburton County Public Library, Dorset branch

Join Ron Evans, writer in residence for R.D. Lawrence Place, who has had four collections of poetry published, for a fun hour full of poems and lively discussion for adults.

This is an outreach program of the writer in residence at R.D. Lawrence Place. For details call 705-286-2298 or email rldlawrenceplace@mindenhillsc.ca.



A group of snowshoers make their way through a section of Algonquin Highlands's trail system known as "icicle alley" earlier this season. The township's trails are still open.
/Photo by Peter Brogden

Use trails before snow is gone

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands's trails coordinator is reminding the public that the township's ski and snowshoe trails are still open and is encouraging people to take advantage of them before it's too late.

"Last year, the snow was gone March 1," Mark Coleman told the *Times* late last week. This year, however, is a different story. "We've got a considerable snow base still."

The township operates 25 kilometres of ski trails and 15 kilometres of snowshoe trails near the Frost Centre, where its trails office is located.

It is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and right now the township is offering

two-for-one ski and snowmobile rentals.

Coleman said the beauty of the trails rivals any the province has to offer.

"We have a tremendous gem," he said, adding this winter had offered some of the best conditions the trails have seen in years.

The township operates the trails in conjunction with the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre, who look after the warm-up shelters along the trails and provide hot and cold beverages.

Public washrooms are available.

Coleman is encouraging anyone looking for something to do during March break to hit the trails before the snow melts.

"It's a great way to celebrate getting outdoors," he said.

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"It's underutilized," he said.

Teljeur said a friend of his who is a concert promoter that has worked on some "very, very large concerts" is in on the project and while organizers are in talks with some well-known acts, he didn't want to mention names for the sake of negotiating power.

Councillor Jean Neville wanted to know

if the fairgrounds would need any upgrades to accommodate overnight campers and Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch wondered how much in-house staff time organizing and running the event would take.

"What that means right now . . . I'm not sure," Teljeur said.

Murdoch noted that the fairgrounds have hosted large events before, including a concert by members of the Rankin Family a number of years back.

New Rail Trail review process gets going at county table

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county is going back to the public for solutions to the Rail Trail debacle.

Councillors on the county's economic development committee recommended at a March 9 meeting that the county proceed with what they called an operational strategy review for the controversial corridor.

"I think it's important in this process to start back at the beginning," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding she felt the previous process had left out the input of certain members of the community, particular those who didn't belong to any formalized user groups.

Moffatt had said in previous discussions that certain users may have to be excluded from the trail to suit a community vision once it was established and reiterated that some difficult decisions may have to be made.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was uncertain about the basis for going back to ground zero.

Reid said council should continue in the direction set by previous councils that the Rail Trail is to be a multi-use trail, wasn't sure that non-users of the trail needed to be consulted and suggested the county consider the services of a professional consultant.

"I think we're kidding ourselves if we think we can do this ourselves," she told her colleagues. "I think we have a broken operational plan right now."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey wanted to make sure people who own land adjacent to the trail have more of an opportunity to express their view, then they have in the past.

"I think that local landowners here have had no say," Fearrey said.

Moffatt had no interest in sitting through more townhall-style meetings on the Rail Trail.

"I know how healthy walking is . . . I know how valuable ATVs are to the community," she said. "It's just going to be the same meetings."

Other councillors agreed a different approach needed to be taken and so, rather than just an all-out call for comments, councillors said they'd like to establish community-run sub-groups which will be responsible for running public consultation sessions.

One representative from each of those sub-groups will then bring suggestions to the economic development committee.

It was unclear last week just how many of these sub-groups will be created and Moffatt again expressed concern that people not affiliated with a certain group be given a chance to have their say.

Fearrey said it would be a matter of those people going to the meeting held by the sub-group they could most closely associate themselves with.

Reid suggested the county fund advertising promoting the sub-group meetings and councillors said they would be discussing in closed session the selection of individuals to head up the sub-groups.

Pamela Marsales of Friends of the Rail Trail was present for the meeting and asked to address the committee.

Marsales said the term "multi-use" was "evidently code for including ATVs on the Rail Trail," and asked committee members if they'd be willing to see a film demonstrating what other communities have done with their former railway corridors.

Marsales told the *Times* that while it's true ATVs in general is of economic benefit to the county, she questions how much money having ATVs on the Rail Trail specifically brings into the community.

First food and music festival could happen this summer

"It would be nice to see something happening up there again," she said.

Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke wanted to know what kind of musical flavour the festival would have.

"We want to attract a generic audience," Bell said, explaining the acts the group was looking at were in the classic rock and pop veins.

Bell said the festival would be aimed at attracting those 25 and over, along with

their families.

The group would be hiring private contractors and likely the OPP as well to look after security for the event.

Reeve Barb Reid said she'd like to see a report on the event come forward from the township's director of community services before the township sanctions the festival.

Council accepted the presentation and will be looking for more information on the event.

Slow snowmobile season impacts eateries

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A slow snowmobiling season has meant decreased traffic at many of the county's eateries.

Restaurant owners are saying they had noticeably fewer snowmobilers at their establishments this winter than in most years.

Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin said Minden has been a "snowmobile ghost town" this season.

"We only had two weekends that we saw snowmobilers this whole winter," Chamberlin said.

The story was similar in Carnarvon, where That Place in Carnarvon owner Sue Yallop said it had not been a fantastic season.

"The up and down weather with little snow definitely

played a role," Yallop said.

Just around the corner at the Millpond Restaurant, owner Brad Archer said the number of snowmobilers dining at his eatery was noticeably down and also attributed the decrease to the weather.

In Haliburton, McKecks owner Maarten Steinkamp called the snowmobiling season "less buoyant" than last year, but said he was trying to remain optimistic.

"We have faith March will still bring us some good snow," Steinkamp said.

Despite the weather, Steinkamp did not have to decrease shifts for staff and said overall the restaurant is up on revenue year over year.

The county's trails were late getting opened this year due to a lack of snow and inconsistent wintry weather followed.

While snowmobiling was slow, the ice fishing season was

a good one.

Buttermilk Falls Resort owner Dale Rider said the winter season had been a great one for her businesses.

The resort provides ice huts for fishers and Rider said business was solid and that Boshkung Lake is gaining an increasing online reputation as a good ice fishing lake through blogs.

Spring election possible, foolish, says Devolin

Lisa Gervais
Special to the Times

Local MPP Barry Devolin thinks City of Kawartha Lakes residents will know on March 25 whether or not to expect a snap spring election.

Devolin thought the opposition parties would be "foolish" to pass a non-confidence vote in the House of Commons on March 21, the day before the government is scheduled to release the 2011 federal budget.

However, he is also aware that anything can happen and said he is now pencilling in upcoming diary entries rather than etching them in ink.

Devolin said last week that the week in Ottawa had been "not boring."

Speaker of the House, Peter Milliken, delivered rulings on two separate issues in which he agreed with opposition MPs who have argued that the government as a whole, and International Development Minister Bev Oda specifically, are in contempt of Parliament.

Milliken found that the government broke Parliament's rules when it failed to provide information requested by MPs on the costs of its crime legislation.

He concluded that Oda's responses to MPs when she was asked about a funding decision related to a third-party foreign aid group caused "confusion" and, as a result, he believed this constituted a breach or breaking of Parliament's rules.

Milliken's rulings last week set in motion a process which could see the House of Commons vote as early as March 23 to declare the government and Oda in contempt of Parliament.

A committee will hold three full days of hearings this week on the issue.

Devolin said the NDP wanted to see the federal budget so he doesn't anticipate them passing a non-confidence motion. The Liberals and Bloc are expected to endorse a non-confidence vote.

Devolin said there were other issues at play, including rumours Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff is sick of being an opposition leader and wants an election to determine if he will be prime minister. There are also rumours that Thomas Mulcair is itching to replace NDP leader Jack Layton who is suffering ill health.

However, Devolin maintained "the opposition parties will be foolish if they force an election. At the end of the day, most people care about the country and its economy, not adolescent games going on in Ottawa."

Devolin said he feels like a fireman sleeping with his boots on every night because anything could happen.

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County councillors take a look at mineral tourism

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It looks like mineral tourism will be coming to Haliburton County.

At a March 9 economic development committee meeting, councillors heard from local geology expert Michael Bainbridge who has been working on a mineral tourism strategy for the county.

Bainbridge was also recently named recreational geology project coordinator for Ontario's Highlands, the regional tourism organization formerly known as RTO 11.

Bainbridge first visited councillors a year ago about his plans for a mineral tourism strategy for the area, the first phase of which he called "primarily an inventory of sites of interest," is basically complete.

Bainbridge said there are a number of sites within the county that could easily become attractions for mineral collectors.

"I'm not here today to make site-specific recommendations," he told councillors, adding securing specific sites would be the next step.

Rather, Bainbridge's visit was to convince

councillors the county should take a role, specifically as the manager of sites within its boundaries.

This would require paying the province for mineral rights, which can be held for many, many years.

Bainbridge stressed the sites he was looking at were all on Crown land, but said some would require crossing private property and that consultation with landowners would be necessary in some cases.

He stressed what he was talking about was hobby collecting.

"This is not a mining endeavour," Bainbridge said.

Bainbridge is working on a similar plan for Ontario's Highlands - which includes Haliburton, Renfrew and Lanark counties, as well as parts of Hastings, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington.

"The key for the initiative is to bring new sites online," Bainbridge said.

There are a number of mineral tourism sites that already exist in Ontario's Highlands.

The only one in Haliburton - Bear Lake Diggings - is controlled by the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce.

Bainbridge talked about the possibility of Ontario's Highlands developing some type of passport collectors could purchase that would give them admission to all of the sites within its

boundaries.

Councillors were receptive to the idea and will be hearing more from Bainbridge in the future.



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Chasing Foodstock

LAST WEEK, Minden Hills councillors heard plans from a group organizing a festival its members are calling Foodstock.

The festival, which would last for a number of days and focus on food and live music (including well-known acts), would be held at the Minden fairgrounds and organizers are suggesting would draw thousands of people.

Organizers are looking to partner with the township on the event and while its planning and execution would likely draw on staff time, the festival is something council should strongly consider.

Minden needs summer events. Minden needs more summer events and bigger summer events.

I'm not trying to disparage its existing summertime festivities – Canada Day, Music by the Gull, Make It Minden, the Hailburton County Fair, etc. – and I know there are a lot of people who dedicate a lot of time to organizing them.

However, as I've written in this space before, Minden, for some elusive reason, seems to often have trouble drawing people to its events.

You can hold the same event in

Haliburton and Minden – Rotary carnival, for example – and have hundreds of people show up to one and barely anyone to the other.

It would be nice for Minden to have some sort of large, flagship event to draw thousands of people to town.

It seems there are still a number of details to be worked out, but the thing seems worth a shot.

As the saying goes, it's better to try and fail than fail to try.

Condolences

The staff at the *Times* wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Penny Obee.

Death is of course always difficult to deal with, but particularly when it comes in such an unexpected manner.

Personally, I met Penny through interviewing her for stories on the Minden 150 Bike Tour, of which she was an organizer and tireless promoter.

She was an intelligent and passionate woman and her loss is a loss for the entire community.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

The Times

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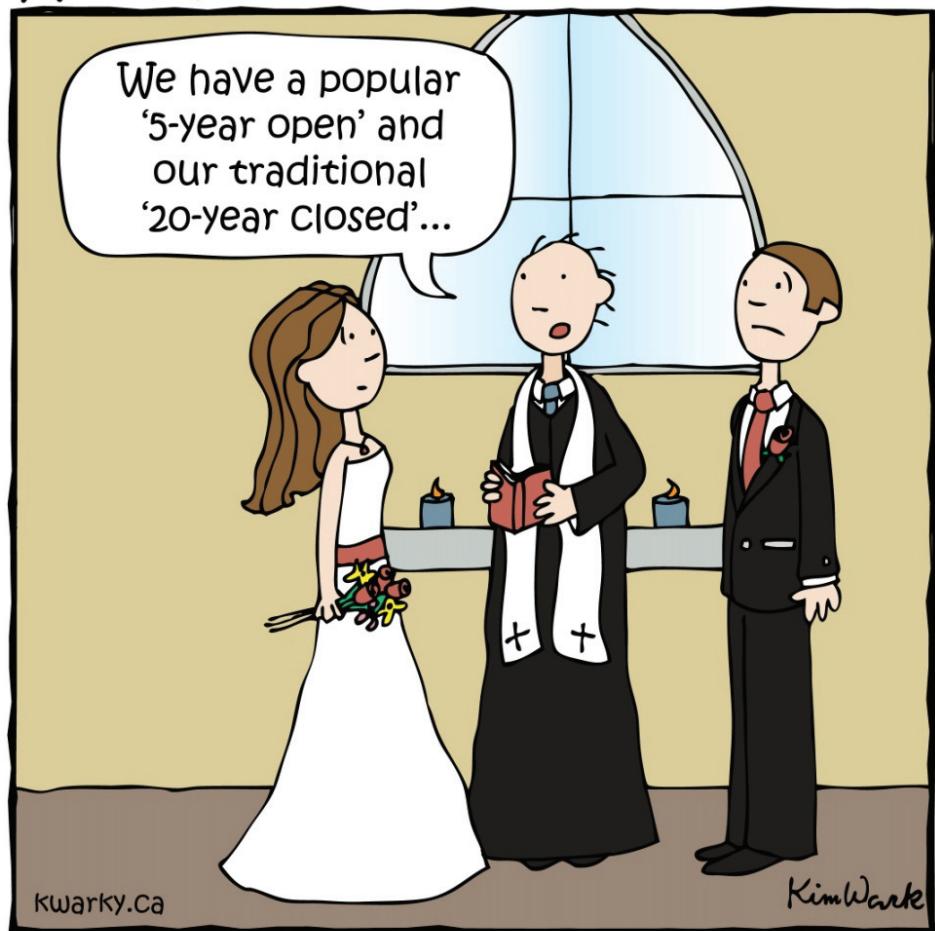
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To the Editor,

As a responsible pet owner; a mature adult who enjoys walking barefoot in the grass on a warm, sunny day; and a mother who enjoys watching her four-year-old act goofy by rolling on the ground, I take the "stoop and scoop" laws very seriously.

I always have bags on me and the very rare time he caught me short (I always had two – now I carry four), I proceeded to the nearest door and requested one – I didn't walk away and leave it lying there.

So can anyone tell me why I have to traipse the length and width of the town to find a garbage can and why the less-than-half-a-dozen there are available are full to overflowing and/or practically inaccessible because there are no paths cleared to reach them?

I am sitting here at the community computer with my pant cuffs

To the Editor,

It was with great disappointment that I read the letter to the editor from Richard Bradley in the March 9 edition of the *Minden Times*. I find it very sad that the unsuccessful candidate in last fall's election cannot move on and instead continues to sling mud as he did throughout the campaign.

In response to Mr. Bradley's letter, I wish to state that at no time did I criticize the local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police who I feel do an excellent job of servicing the people of Minden Hills and indeed all of Haliburton County. My comments were in response to a question from the reeve regarding a letter the municipality had received from Malcolm Quigley, staff sergeant of the Haliburton detachment of the OPP regarding the key issues that the municipality would like to see addressed in the OPP's business plan during the com-

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points of view

Stonehenge secrets revealed

A FEW TIMES EACH YEAR, someone will write a story that claims to reveal the secrets of Stonehenge. Often, they'll cite its celestial alignment. Other times, they'll propose that it was a landing site for alien spacecraft. Most times though, they suggest it was a Druidic burial ground.

All this is plausible. But why does it have to be so complicated or exotic?

What's so wrong with the simple notion that Stonehenge was a home improvement project gone horribly wrong? After all, this sort of thing happens every day.

It probably began, as all landscaping projects do, with a rock garden. Perhaps the Great Druid's wife suggested that the plains around their hut were a little devoid of décor.

"Honey, can you make me a little rock garden right here?" she might have asked.

Great Druid or not, he would have

immediately done what men have always done – pretended not to hear what she said.

But eventually – after the 132nd mention – he would have had to acknowledge the idea, which meant moving to the next phase – getting estimates.

"Twelve copper coins for a little rock garden?" you might have heard him mumble to a contractor. "No thanks, I'll do it myself."

Upon hearing that pronouncement, his wife would have rolled her eyes and mumbled something about spending the extra money to get it done right. And, being a man, he would have taken offence to this, which would have caused him to mutter, "I'll show her."

And that's where the trouble really started.

Let's assume that he gathered a few

buddies and a jug or two of beer. Those are all the ingredients you need to construct a neat little rock garden in the middle of the plains.

Sadly, this would have caused his neighbours to want one too. And, they would have made theirs slightly bigger and better, as neighbours are apt to do.

This would have forced our Great Druid to reluctantly add a few larger rocks and a plastic gnome or two, just to keep up with the Joneses – which, in this case, would have been their real

name. In turn, the Joneses would have upgraded to even bigger rocks or add a fountain.

Before long, both families would have been one-upping each other. And, the end result would have been Stonehenge – a construction that would have driven

property values down in the immediate vicinity. Still, it would have been something to behold when new.

"Well," the Great Druid would have asked his wife when the project was finally complete, "what do you think?"

"It's marvellous," she probably answered. "It's well constructed and timeless in design. I love the colour and texture. It blends with the landscape and I truly believe that people will visit this place for centuries to come and stand in awe of the skill and effort you've put into it. Better still, it's a perfect match for the lawn furniture and ornaments – you know, we won't have to buy a thing or make any changes whatsoever. I had my doubts, but I was wrong. Good job."

OK, maybe the alien spacecraft landing site theory is a bit more plausible.



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Wading through snizzle

IF A TREE SHRIEKS on Sapsucker Ridge and there is no one around to hear its screams, does it make a sound?

And when my cordless fills the sugar bush with the sounds of a dentist's office, is the drill howling for the tree?

Wouldn't you flinch or grumble just a little if something was punching a two-inch hole in your trunk, trying to find a main artery and drain your precious bodily fluids?

Silly questions, to be sure, for we all know that plants have no feelings. Fish too, for that matter. Somehow it's comforting to think that our prey feels no pain.

In fact, there seems to be a growing consensus among scientists that fish do feel something like pain and some researchers believe that plants have feelings, too, though they are in a minority.

Most of us would prefer to assume that when we harvest, we do no harm, and news that fish have feelings must be discouraging for folks who eschew red meat for ethical reasons.

But a lobster being boiled alive would not be in much more discomfort than

we were on a couple of days last week, inflicting wounds on the sugar maples of Sapsucker Ridge.

Conditions evolve and vary during any maple season. Some years I start out on snowshoes, but if I can get away with it, I tramp down the trails to the trees.

Snowshoes are inconvenient for getting on and off the ATV that tows my sap home and so if I can struggle through the snow without them, that's what I do.

After a trudge or two, the trail is broken and the walking will be easy for the duration. But not at the start, not this year, not when the snow is knee deep and soggy, and the snizzle soaks my coat.

Snow comes in over the top of my lined gum rubber boots, I fall down a time or two, and the snow and drizzle keeps snizzling. By the time I get home I am as thoroughly soaked as if I had spent the day sitting in a tub filled with water.

Very cold water. Water just this side of freezing.

I come home so weary and sore from using muscles in a way I haven't used them since last year that I can barely refuel the woodstove and climb into a hot bath.

Beside the woodstove stand spare boot liners and boots. Pants and long johns are draped over a drying rack. There are puddles in the mud room.

The Brown Dog Jiggs has been dogging my footsteps. He is so exhausted at the end of the day that he lies down for a nap that lasts 12 hours. He even forgets to get up for

breakfast.

Maple syrup is hard work for Jiggs though he never lifts a hammer. When I turn in my beaten path, he has to turn too, which isn't easy if you have four legs. When I get on my ATV, he has to lead the way, imposing his own speed limit.

Sometimes he finds a vantage point and curls up in the snow, where he intends to watch over me. Then eyes droop, head droops, everything droops and The Brown Dog is asleep.

But I sit down for dinner flushed with success. Tomorrow morning the buckets that festoon my forest will sparkle in the sunshine. My friend Randy and I have the evaporator as clean as a whistle, and now I grow cranky from waiting.

We are ready for spring. So are the chickadees, who fill the morning air with their whistling songs, and barred owls, who ask "Who cooks for you?" at dusk. Love is in the air.

Spring advances in stutter steps. Warm sunshine makes the sap flow in the daytime and winter makes a counter-attack at night, choking the spiles with ice.

The drain that empties my sap storage tank freezes in the dark. I improvise. Under a full moon, I jab the end of a hose into the drain and inject hot sap into the icy blockage.

Miracle of miracles, an amateur's improvisation works. Sap gushes into the evaporator and the first boil of the season is underway.

The waiting is over.

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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letters

Why Barry Devolin voted against HIV drug bill

To the Editor,

Last week members of the House of Commons voted on third reading of Private Member's Motion C-393. After much thought, I voted against C-393. Here is why.

As many of you may know, I have wrestled with this issue for more than two years. On the one hand, I support the goal of increasing access to HIV and AIDS medication in the developing world. On the other hand, I am also concerned about the integrity of Canada's intellectual property laws and whether the proposed changes will actually achieve the stated objective. In other words, I accept the diagnosis, but am not sure C-393 is the correct remedy.

Over the past two years, I have met with members of the advocacy group Grandmothers to Grandmothers in my riding office, as well as members of their national team here in Ottawa. I met with representatives of the HIV/AIDS Legal Network and others. I have discussed this matter directly with Industry (and former Health) Minister Tony Clement. Finally, I have discussed this issue with several colleagues - both for and against the bill - to hear their views. At the end of the day, I think it's fair to say I've spent more time on this Private Member's Bill than on any other

during my (almost) seven years in the House of Commons.

On Dec. 2, 2009 I voted in favour of C-393 at second reading so it could go to committee for further study. After many hearings and several amendments, that process is now complete - which brings us to today's vote.

In the final analysis, I have not been convinced that C-393 is the most efficient or productive means to proceed. Over the past five years, our Conservative government has increased foreign aid to Africa, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision at last year's G20 meeting to make maternal and infant care a priority speaks to our government's commitment to this cause. As stated above, I agree with the notion that more needs to be done - but I see many other more efficient and productive ways to proceed.

I thank all of those who have met with me to answer my questions and provide detailed information. As I often tell high school students, I am not a member of the "House of Experts," but rather, a member of the "House of Commons." As such, I need much assistance and guidance to do my job.

As a footnote, I cannot help but observe the vote (up or down) will mean nothing if

the three opposition parties defeat the government later this month, thereby triggering a spring election. In fact, it seems a bit hypocritical for any MP to suggest that the vote really matters if they've already decided to

terminate the 40th Parliament long before C-393 would become law.

Barry Devolin, MP
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Town should empty garbage

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soaked and my feet cold and wet because I had to go knee-deep in the wet slushy snow today to place my dog's offering at the altar of community cleanliness.

No, I don't count the bins in front of the businesses on the main street - I find something unsavoury about using those bins.

Two bins I can use are on the Riverwalk - both full to the brim and half-buried. (There's another on the dock but it's completely inaccessible.)

One bin at the windmill at the cultural centre - overflowing and half-buried.

The only decent bins are at the fairgrounds (left over from the ice races) and while they are nicely empty, they are still

knee-deep. I have a nasty feeling I will arrive one day soon to find them all gone.

Municipal workers in their little red trucks have watched me or my four-year-old struggle to the bin - more than one appeared to be enjoying the spectacle - yet none of them seemed to take the next logical step: "Gee, I guess we should do something about that nasty bin and maybe clear a path so this nice responsible pet owner can keep our town as beautiful as we like to think it is!"

Like it or not, there are many dog owners in Minden. We like Minden, but we love our dogs and there is no valid reason the two should conflict the way they do.

Silja Hare
Minden

Swans named William and Kate

To The Editor,

Re: photo of swans in last week's Times.

Thank you for the beautiful photo by Brian Alexander! We have also seen these swans in front of our home. Such a wonderful surprise! We've named them "The Royal Couple"

Prince William and Kate, in honour of their April wedding.

Sonya Proctor
Deep Bay Road

Comments a personal observation

from page 6

ing year. The reeve asked council for input and I replied that areas I would like to see addressed were a beefed up patrol on the lakes as well as an increased presence in the downtown area. My comment that I had not seen the police on Moore Lake for a number of years was simply a personal observation. I fail to see how any reasonable and thoughtful person would misconstrue my comments as criticism of the OPP.

I have been on Moore Lake since 1955 and

have seen, over the years, a great increase in the boat traffic as well as an increasing lack of respect for the rules of the water. Anyone who would describe this lake as being tame must not have been there on a holiday weekend in recent years. My goal is to see our lakes made safer for everyone and I will continue to do all that I can in this regard.

I appreciate the opportunity to address this matter and set the record straight.

Ken Redpath
Minden Hills

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Application deadline is 12:00 Noon Monday April 4, 2011

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 16 th	7:30 pm Events Committee - Community Ctr, Rm 3
March 18 th	First Tax Instalment due for 2011
March 22 th	10 am - Planning & Dev. Advisory Committee - (Rotary Rm MH Library)
March 24 th	7 pm - Youth Advisory Committee (Location classroom a/f gymnasium at Archie Stouffer School)
March 29 th	7 pm - Parks/Rec Advisory Committee - Community Centre
March 31 th	10 am Council - Council Chambers
April 3 rd	7 pm - Cemetery Committee - Comm Centre, Scout's Hall
April 11 th	10 am - Community Engagement Committee - 2nd Floor Admin Bdrm
April 14 th	10 am COTW/General Committee - Council Chambers
April 14 th	5 pm Economic Development Advisory Committee (Rotary Rm MH Library)
April 22 nd /25 th	Good Friday and Easter Monday - Admin Offices closed
April 28 th	10 am Council - Council Chambers
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March 16 2-4pm

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March 26 1 - 3pm Common Room

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March 31 submission deadline

Annual Poet Trees Project - HHWEN Poetry Contest
 Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network's annual poetry contest returns to R.D.L.P. Send in your poem for a shot at prizes! There are two categories; adult and youth (14yrs and under). Email entries to hhwenpoem2011@gmail.com.

For more information on any of these events, please go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or 705-286-2808

2011 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

Road damage risk is at its highest during the spring thaw. The Township of Minden Hills enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the Township roads. Reduced loading will be in effect on Township roads immediately.



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IRONDALE CHURCH - 1019 Elm Road

Take notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills resolved on February 24th, 2011 to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the property including all land, buildings, features and structures collectively known as "The Irondale Church", Concession 5, Part Lot 30, Plan 6, Village Lot 6 (Six) in Block "H." municipally known as Irondale Church, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

The subject property is located at the municipal address of 1019 Elm Road in the hamlet of Irondale in the former Township of Snowdon in the Township of Minden Hills.

The subject property consists of a rural Church building and land located in Irondale, in the Township of Minden Hills. The site is approximately 50 feet x 150 feet with a small frame Church. The small frame Church building is one of a handful of surviving buildings from a 19th century mining settlement.

The Church building and its setting are valued as a landmark in the Village of Irondale, as a place of continuous community worship for over 120 years and for the property's association with the founding and early prosperity of the former mining settlement. The architectural value of the landmark lies in its simplicity as an example of early rural Church buildings in Ontario, a basic frame building clad with painted cove siding on stone foundations. The Church is unusual in having a gambrel roof, a form more commonly seen on agricultural buildings. The gambrel roof is echoed in the portico over the main entrance. The building's setting, against a treed hillside, with open land in the foreground further communicates its history as part of a rural community. The architectural signals of the building's religious purpose are the four gothic pointed arched single glazed wood windows on each side elevation, the bell tower and the large double entry doors. The original interior finishes are present, a plaster ceiling reflecting the shape of the roof above, simple wood windows and wainscoting. The lights are of a later period.

The building also has associated value because of the business relationship of the building's donor, Mr. Charles Pusey with a most important Canadian Mr. Henry Stark Howland, a founding director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and first President of the Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than April 15th, 2011.

Any inquiries may be directed to:
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New rules for AH council mileage

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands council is making changes to the township's mileage policy to deal with the fact the township's deputy-reeve lives outside the township.

"It's not about people, it's about policy," Reeve Carol Moffatt said as the matter was brought to the table at a March 3 meeting, adding she knew it was a difficult discussion for councillors to have since it directly affected one of their colleagues.

Normally, councillors are paid from their place of residence to meeting locations.

It was Moffatt's recommendation that councillors who reside outside the township be paid mileage from their address of eligibility to the township office.

In Danielsens case, her address of eligibility is a property on North Shore Road she leases which allowed her to run in last fall's election.

Danielsen lives in Hastings County.

Danielsen told council she didn't think the matter should be a burden and that she was willing to put in extra time when she was in the township.

"It's a difficult decision for us all to make," she said.

Councillor Gary Schultz said it had been made clear during the election campaign that Danielsens did not live in the township and that he didn't think she should be penalized for it.

"The electorate voted for Liz in that ward," he said. "They voted for her to be here."

Schultz said council needed to find a middle ground.

Henderson said he'd like to see an acknowledgement of certain circumstances built into the policy.

"Does that mean if I live in Toronto, I can be paid to drive from Toronto?" Moffatt asked.

In the end, councillors decided that council members living outside the township should be paid mileage from the township border to the meeting location.

County council also recently made changes to its mileage policy. It ruled that Danielsens would be paid mileage from the county office nearest her home - the one in Wilberforce - to the county office.

Algonquin Highlands pays its councillors the same rate as the county at 40 cents a kilometre.

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Fun at the Country Jamboree

The S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre was filled with dancing feet on March 13 for the monthly Country Music Jamboree. Hosted by the Minden District Lions Club, the event raises funds for various local organizations. This month's jamboree had a St. Patrick's Day theme with music provided by the Country Hot Flashes and the Cold Shoulders, as well as open mike. With the help of a stew supper and a 50/50 draw the event raised a total of \$700, with proceeds going to the Food for Kids student nutrition program.

Angelica Blenich Times staff

Pan Am Games 2015 may require road upgrades

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports from a county roads committee meeting on March 9.

Minden Hills township has requested the assistance of the county roads department for work that will have to be done to Horseshoe Lake Road to accommodate traffic during the 2015 Pan Am Games.

Kayaking events are being held at the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told roads superintendent Doug Ray that games organizers haven't yet made it clear to the township what kinds of upgrades would be required, but she expected those details to be known some time this year.

Ray said there was some work that needed to be done on Horseshoe Lake Road and councillors said it would be a shame to do the work only to have to rip it up to accommodate the requirements of the games.

"It would be difficult to hold it more than a year or so," Ray

said.

Reid said she's hoping funding will be available for the necessary upgrades.

Utilities for EMS base

County engineer Roy Haig said documentation has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment for the extension of water and sewer services to the old Walker's Auto Repair property on Hwy. 35, where the county will be constructing its new EMS base.

The base will connect to the Minden Hills municipal system at Newcastle Street and county chief administrative official Jim Wilson said the county would be approaching Minden Hills about a user agreement for additional users.

The county may subdivide the property.

Sign thefts down

Haig told committee members that road sign thefts were down significantly from last year. There was a rash of road sign thefts in 2009/10, with some signs even being pulled out by their posts.

Prairie gem stops by Stanhope for intimate night of music

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Her voice is a combination of sweet and husky.

As she firmly holds her guitar and flicks her hair back out of her face her mouth makes its way to the mike. Her eyes are closed.

The sound that escapes from her lips is smooth, like soft leather and thick, like butter.

A Prairie girl all the way from rural Manitoba, Jess Reimer takes to the stage, or more like the living room on March 13 in an intimate house concert at the Stanhope home belonging to Lisa Barry and Matt Mihlik.

Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, Reimer is accompanied by husband Jeremy Hamm and the two put on a show like only a husband and wife can, complete with comfortable banter, inside jokes and a moment of near catastrophe when Hamm lodges his instrument into the side of his wife's face.

The injury that resulted was minimal, a bruised ego perhaps.

A blend of bluegrass, folk and country Reimer delivers a medley of songs from her most recent album, *Sweet Darling and Sorrow*.

As the harmonies pour forth from the duo the gentle guitar riffs hover above the audience. Reimer is clearly at ease in front of a crowd as she sparkles almost as much as her sequined top.

A custom guitar maker and equally talented musician, Hamm adds the necessary support to his wife's songs in a variety of ways.

"I always wanted to marry a songwriter," says Hamm halfway through the show.

It's no surprise he picked Reimer, whose songs such as Little Less Broken and Endless Blue are rife with experience and love.

A gospel tune and some traditional country pick up the mood, as well as a cover of an original tune belonging to local musician Jeff Barry, father to Lisa.

The show bleeds well into the night but eventually must come to an end, despite the look of contentment amongst the audience.

"We could play all night if you wanted," teases Reimer. "Just yawn when you've had enough."

Reimer and Hamm bring the evening to a close but not before mingling and chatting with guests, something only a house concert can afford.

Folk singer Jess Reimer, right, sings a sweet melody with husband Jeremy Hamm at the home of Lisa Barry and Matt Mihlik on March 13. Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, the concert was part of the home routes series and featured a mix of traditional folk, bluegrass and country melodies. /Angelica Blenich



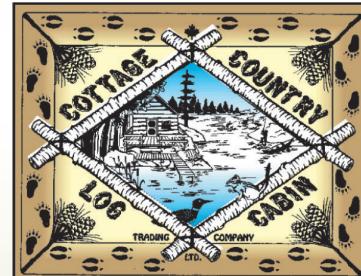
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Rick Johnson to feature Haliburton County at Queen's Park

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be showcased at Queen's Park this spring.

County politicians and staff members will travel to the provincial legislature on May 18 for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Day, hosted by MPP Rick Johnson.

The event will have a trade show-type set-up, where each of the county's four townships, along with the county itself, will set up a table and representatives will have a chance to speak with provincial politicians, including cabinet ministers.

The riding's two other municipalities will have similar displays.

At a March 9 economic development committee meeting, county economic development director Bob Smith said he thought Johnson was expecting a fairly large contingent of county representatives to attend and suggested the county might look into renting a motor coach, which would cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500 depending on the seating capacity.

The smallest would seat 24.

There was discussion about just how many representatives each township should be sending.

"The reeve and deputy-reeve should be able to do it," Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said while Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid thought she'd like three people from her

township to attend.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt questioned whether her presence was even necessary and talked about sending staff members instead.

Smith, however, said he thought there was an expectation politicians would attend.

Moffatt said she didn't want the county's display area to be too crowded with bodies.

Smith will be getting clarification from Johnson's office on approximately how many reps from the county are expected to attend.

The townships will be showcasing their major tourist attractions.

Reid said she'd like Minden Hills to promote its cultural centre and councillors for the township agreed with her idea at a March 10 meeting.

Algonquin Highlands will likely focus on its water trails, Dysart et al on the Haliburton Forest and Burton said Highlands East would perhaps promote mineral tourism.

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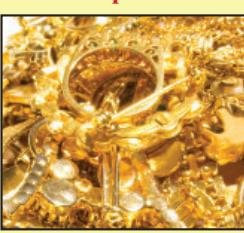
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By: Michael Ross
Great Canadian Roadshow

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Expert Cliff Edwards explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewelry boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot!"

At another Roadshow event, a woman walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800's, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Raymond Flack explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over \$2,000!! She also had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". All in all, Roadshow customer Linda Donaldson was able to cash in with \$4,500! "I'm so happy," Linda explains, "I never would have thought that my old tin of coins was worth so much! I can finally afford to renovate my kitchen."

Raymond Flack continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value."

Experts at the Roadshow will evaluate and examine your items, FREE OF CHARGE,



as well as educate you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

Trains, dolls, toys, old advertising signs, pocket watches, porcelain and bisque dolls, pretty much everything can be sold at the Roadshow. Any early edition Barbie's are sought after by Roadshow collectors, as well as a variety of Dinky Toys and Matchbox Cars. Lionel Trains and a variety of tin toys can also fetch a price, especially if they are in their original box or in mint condition. If a collector is looking for one of your collectables, we can always make an offer to buy it.

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Minden's Second World War vets honoured by quilt guild

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Second World War vets at the Minden Legion will have no trouble keeping warm thanks to a gift from the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild.

Guild president Sharon Middlehurst was at the Legion on March 2 with 19 quilts that will be handed out to the Legion's 19 Second World War veterans.

"I was surprised," Middlehurst said, adding she didn't know the area had so many vets.

As Middlehurst explained, the quilts are from the Quilts of Valour program, of which the guild is a part.

The guild's 95 members have created some 47 quilts that have been sent to soldiers wounded in Afghanistan.



Second World War veteran Cliff Green, joined by Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild president Sharon Middlehurst, holds up the quilt he received from the guild. The guild has donated 19 quilts to the Minden Legion's 19 Second World War vets. /Photo by Chad Ingram

Middlehurst said the quilts for the program must be a minimum of 60 by 70 inches and that she'd heard the organization had received some quilts from other quilters across the country that didn't meet these specs.

So, Middlehurst asked if she could have some of the quilts that were deemed too small to be given to Second World War vets in the area and the organization agreed.

Some of the quilts that arrived were little more than quilt tops and guild members got to work with materials they purchased with assistance from the Minden Legion and its ladies' auxiliary, the Ingoldsby United Church Women, the Minden Anglican Church Women and Kim Stamp.

"It's expensive to make a quilt," Middlehurst said.

Her son, a chief warrant officer in the military who has served in Afghanistan, inspired Middlehurst to get involved with

the Quilts of Valour program.

Cliff Green, a Second World War veteran with the Minden Legion, was on hand last week and got first dibs at a quilt of his

choice.

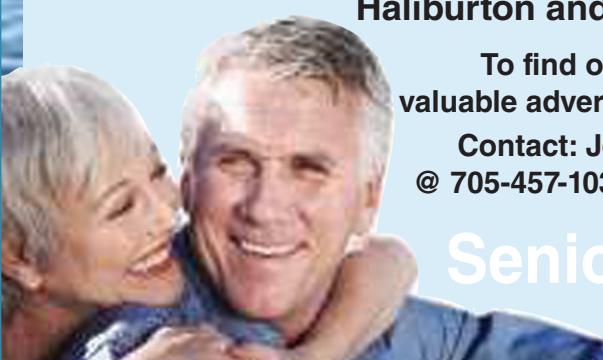
Green served with a regiment out of Lake Superior and was stationed in France during the conflict.

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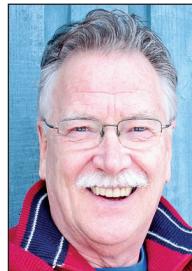
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John Beachli: A worker in stone

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work for cottages, I'd rather do that, even though it was hard on the body." John started working full time for his dad in 1966.

In the summer of 1967 Beachli found himself working at a construction project at Camp Adelaide in the Highlands, where ironically, Sam McLaughlin, a founder of GM Canada, was the sponsor of the project. That job led to others, and John left his dad's business to work as a stone mason, sub contracting in the Highlands.

Beachli was married in the fall of 1967 to Linda O'Connor, and the couple set up home in Haliburton and subsequently had three children; Derek who now has his own local general contracting business, Dalton, who is an engineer in Calgary, and Ursula a stay at home mom, who is married to MP Barry Devolin.

After five hard years of work at establishing himself in Haliburton, John Beachli got a break when he took over an established general contracting business. "Fortunately I ended up with some really good tradesmen and a great team of fellow workers," he says. "The business grew to over 50 employees, plus the sub trades." Beachli and his crew are responsible for building many homes and cottages in the Highlands as well as commercial structures such as the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton and the Community Centre in Gooderham. "We also did the interior trim and stonework on the original Pine-stone Resort and later were contracted for work on the west wing and the east addition, including the grand ballroom." The secret of his success he insists was that "we had the manpower to bring ideas to fruition and we relied on good and imaginative carpenters. It made life interesting and exciting."

John Beachli semi retired in 1984 to spend more time with the kids. "Linda wanted to get back in the work force, and I kind of became a house dad for a while, even though I can't cook," he recalls with a laugh.

In the late 1980s Beachli went back to working with stone, only this time not as a mason. "Linda and I travelled a lot during that period," Beachli states. "On one of our trips to Vancouver I met up with an old friend George Pratt, who was raised in Minden." Pratt was carving a name for himself as a recognized and respected sculptor of stone. "George always told me I should carve the stone instead of laying it," Beachli says, and "over the next five or six years I'd go out to Vancouver in February and March and apprentice with him. I also worked with him when he was an instructor here at the School of the Arts. He allowed me to sit in on some interesting projects, many of which went to different parts of the world."

By the mid-90s Beachli was confident enough to put his own work out there and several of his pieces can be seen locally. At the entrance to the hospital in Haliburton visitors are greeted by two life sized figures chiseled from locally quarried granite called Against the Wind. The pieces "depict the struggle of a family from the early settlement era." In the sculpture forest there is another granite work called 'To Cut or Not to Cut,' which beautifully shows the dilemma between father and son, over the cutting of trees and preserving nature.

Besides working with the local granite, Beachli, who still travels, likes to carve in the country he's visiting. He has a Swiss background and goes to that country almost yearly. One

visit led to his working in Swiss granite, the result of which can be seen in his rendition of the Haliburton Golden Lake Trout at the fish hatchery.

Some of Beachli's pieces might appear to be unfinished, but the effect is intentional. "I feel that I'm just working with what's already been started by nature, so I like to leave a little bit of the natural stone," he says by way of explanation, "and I like to work with the seams and the colours in the rock."

Beachli, who is now single, is not about to rest on his laurels. In the future he'd "like to do a piece of natives sitting on a shoreline in a typical family setting." Beachli is also starting to incorporate metal with his stone sculptures.

In addition to his sculptural donations to the hospital and

the sculpture forest, Beachli has also been active as a longtime Rotarian, and through H.A.V.E. he's helped in such causes as putting over 700 wells in villages in India. He's also put three young people through university in Vietnam and Thailand.

It's been a long, fruitful and continuing journey for John Beachli; from working with his dad in Kinmount, through the years of hard stone masonry, raising kids, to sculpting in stone.

In addition to his sculpting Beachli owns several rental properties, and maintenance keeps him busy. "I still work when I have to work and I take some time in between to enjoy life," he says. His philosophy? "Thoughts become things, so choose the good ones."

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6	Eleanor Lymer	1045.5
7	Ronald Sedley	1037.5
8	Scott LaRue	1020
9	Ian Kemp	1003
10	Chase Heinemann	1002
11	Orville Meeke	1000.5
12	Jeff Barry	999
13	Michael Moxley	994.5
14	Martin Schuster	991.5
15	Matt Prichard	986.5
16	R Bell	983
17	Maie Arike	973.5
18	David Douglas	965
19	Denniella Rivard	955.75
20	Nancy Holden	954.75
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A new book on the wonders of Haliburton County launches Saturday

Brenda Peddigrew's newest book of brief, crisp essays brings to life intricate details of her human/nature interactions during daily experiences of life in Algonquin Highlands. The public is welcome to hear Peddigrew share some of these essays and listen to Celtic music during a book launch for *Finding The Line* at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The special character of these essays is that they are set in familiar places: Halls Lake, Old Mill Road, Little Kennisis River, The Log Chute, Big Hawk and Little Hawk lakes, for example, and full of terms that are familiar to local settings: the landfill, cottagers, and the hiking trails that surround us. Besides the familiar names, Peddigrew writes about how we experience living in Haliburton County: seasonal changes, the special character of winter, encounters with animals and concerns for how best to live among them. Even further, Peddigrew allows these very particular and familiar experiences to open into larger reflections of life and nature.

Many of these essays were originally written for bi-weekly publication in *The Highland Communicator* over a period of three years, but Peddigrew so loved encountering nature twice – once in physical reality and again when writing about it – that she continued writing even after submissions to *The Communicator* ended. Included in this collection are also three pieces originally written for a magazine with a brief life, *Sideroads of Haliburton*, and a few more miscellaneous essays that are simply fun to read.

Ann Linnea, a well-known nature writer known for her

books *Teaching Kids to Love the Earth, Deep Water Passage* and *Keepers of the Trees*, shares the following testimonial on the back cover of *Finding the Line*. "With the eye of a naturalist and the pen of a philosopher, Brenda Peddigrew invites us to share the beauty of her home, which rests along the bank of the Little Kennisis River in the beautiful Algonquin Highlands of Ontario, Canada. Each essay delivers a succinct and well-crafted verbal picture of her rural surroundings and then paves the way for a universal, deeper delving into every man's and every woman's life."

Finding the Line: ordinary encounters in nature's mirror will be launched in the common room (old library) on Saturday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free to this entertaining afternoon under the wonderful direction of Bev Hunter as Mistress of Ceremonies.

For further information, please contact Sheryl Loucks at R.D. Lawrence Place at 705-286-2298.

Brenda Peddigrew is best known locally as a poet who has published three poetry collections, *Quicksilver of the Heart, When the Bones Find Their Singing Place* and *Soul Winds: poems of transformation*, each of which is in its third printing and has sold nearly five hundred copies.

Brenda Peddigrew encounters the natural world mainly from her home in the Algonquin Highlands of Ontario, Canada's "near north," which she photographs as often as she writes about. She is an international facilitator, spiritual teacher, retreat guide and sometime adjunct professor (online) in the D.Min. program of St. Stephen's College at the University of Alberta.

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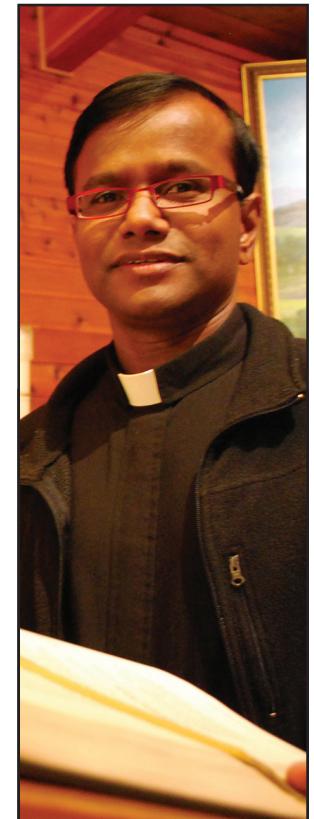
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HHSS proud of wrestlers

The following HHSS briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

The OFSAA wrestlers are to be congratulated for their fine performances with Zane Zondervan placing in the top 12 and Bailey Walker and Kayla Gardiner placing in the top eight in the province.

Monday, March 7

The girls' curling team had an excellent showing at COSSA, winning their first game against the A-side winner from East Northumberland.

After a loss to the undefeated Campbellford team, HHSS won their third game against St. Teresa's from Belleville to capture the silver medal.

Congratulations to Laura Pottier, Holly Broderick, Emily Shapiera, Alana Bannister, and Shannon Bittner.

The boys' Red Hawks curlers became COSSA silver medallists with two wins and one loss in Stirling, Ont. Congratulations on a great season to Jesse Walker, Owen Duhaime, Mike Mazara, Tyler Warham (and Shawn Kadwell).

The Red Hawks wrestling team, left, Zane Zondervan, Bailey Walker, Tara O'Sullivan, Lily Coneybear and Dylan Graham, competed at this year's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships hosted by Sudbury at the Sudbury Arena from March 2 to 4. Zondervan finished in 12th while Walker finished in the top eight. Absent for the photo was Kayla Gardiner, who finished in the top eight.

Darren Lum Times staff



Bantam AE

Storm season an undisputed success

The Bantam AE Storm season finally ended this past week with a 7-1 drubbing by the Bracebridge Bears. Despite the result of the team's final game, the coaching staff of Drew Bishop and Steve Churko have categorized the season as a success. After 47 games played the team finished with a 25-17-5 record. In the tri-county league the team finished in third place out of seven teams. They won the B championship in the Tweed tournament, were semi-finalists in the Silver Stick, advanced to the second round of the OMHA play downs and were runners up in the MPS play downs.

The coaching staff would like to thank: the sponsor, Parker Pad and Printing; the trainer, Barry Cray; the treasurer, Mike Lopez; the manager, Laura Casey; individuals from the Haliburton Storm Minor Hockey Association who ensured that there was a second Bantam team and advocated for their inclusion in the tri-county circuit; the parents for their support; and most importantly the players. This great group of young men came together and created a team. They supported one another on and off the ice and as players gave 100 per cent every time out. They are Logan Churko, Hunter Bishop, Lucas Esson, Tyler Casey, Angus Sullivan, Stuart Searle, Connor Gadway, Jesse Davis, Kirk Lopez, Braden Roberts, Luic Muli, and Mac Monk-Cray.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

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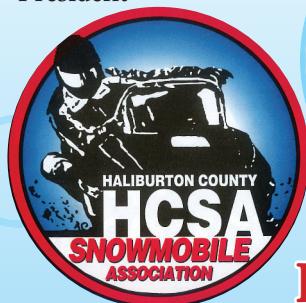
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We recently wrapped our Poker Run here in Haliburton County and all reports and comments were very positive. Although the trails needed more snow, the weather was beautiful and everyone had a terrific time. I would like to thank each and every business that sponsored our event. Without your support we could not put on the quality event that we did. The event had over \$14,000.00 in prizes including the brand new snowmobile. The winning hand was three kings with the biggest smile ever on the young lady who drew the hand.

Plans are already in the works for a similar event next year and we look forward to your support again. The money raised goes directly into grooming the trails to enhance the tourism opportunities in Haliburton County.

I wish you all the best for a warm, sunny summer season and a return to a more traditional winter in 2012.

Scott Doan
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Red Hawks boys shine COSSA silver

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys curling team brought home silver medals to cap off a strong season.

The Red Hawks team of skip, Jesse Walker, vice, Owen Duhaime, second, Mike Mazara and lead, Tyler Warham started their run for the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics gold against the Bay of Quinte champions in Sterling on Monday, March 7.

Haliburton was the next runner-up team in the provincials and were in tough against the Bay of Quinte champions.

"Our boys had a good game against Moira Secondary

School of Belleville. We met them at the Gore Provincials where Moira was second in the province and HHSS was third in the province. It was great to see these two teams compete as friendly competitors since we were Kawartha B champs, and Moira were Bay of Quinte Champs, that was our first game Monday, March 7 at COSSA," coach Tom Dibblee said. "We played a good game against Moira. Jesse had a chance for three in the second but we bumped our own out as well as our [shot rock]."

Haliburton lost 5-2 in the finals opener.

The loss did little dissuade the Haliburton side, as the team showed little affect in their second game.

The boys' team played the Kawartha A-side champions from the Adam Scott Collegiate Lions of Peterborough in

their second game and started well with a 3-0 lead by the end of the second end.

The Lions got one back in the fourth end, but were down by three points 4-1.

Haliburton added points in the fifth and the sixth ends to increase the lead 6-1.

The Peterborough squad made it close with four points in the fourth end, but it wasn't enough as the Red Hawks hung on to get their first win of the day.

Haliburton, who were did not face them in the Kawartha playoffs, but did beat them in the Gore Zone competition.

Haliburton's was pitted against Centennial Secondary School in the third game and had medal ramifications if the

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Approved 2011-2012 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

Ontario Parks (MNR) has reviewed and approved the **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** April 1, 2011–March 31, 2012 **Annual Work Schedule (AWS)** for the Algonquin Park Forest.

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The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA Offices in Huntsville and Pembroke, the Pembroke District Ministry of Natural Resources office (Algonquin Park section), the Whitney Park office, and the Ministry of Natural Resources public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 15, 2011 and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres provide access to the internet.

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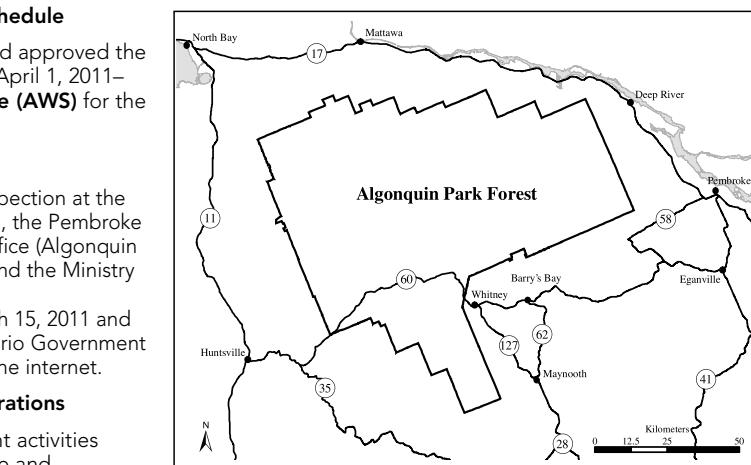
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The Algonquin Forestry Authority is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Joe Yaraskavitch, Park Forester
Ministry of Natural Resources
Algonquin Park Office
31 Riverside Drive
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The County of Haliburton



NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be holding the 2011 Budget meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden. At this time the County Fee Bylaw will be submitted for approval. The public is invited to attend.



HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST

(Contract- 15 Days)

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has a short-term casual contract opportunity for a Health Promotion Specialist to assist with implementing its smoke-free policy which includes creating and rolling out strategies to achieve a smoke-free environment at all HHHS sites.

The successful candidate must possess a post-secondary education in Health Sciences, Health Promotion or related field, along with knowledge and understanding of tobacco reduction and health promotion programs. In addition to using mass media, demonstrated group facilitation, presentation, and social marketing skills are essential for this position. Exceptional communication skills and an ability to work independently with limited direction are required.

If interested in this position, please send your resume by Friday, March 25, 2011 to:

Human Resources
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kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398





The Red Hawks boys curling team, left, skip, Jesse Walker, vice, Owen Duhaime, second, Mike Mazara and lead, Tyler Warham, are silver medalists after the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals held in Sterling on March 7. Absent from photo Tom Dibblee. Photo submitted.

'It was a lot closer than anyone expected'

from page 22

Red Hawks lost.

"It was a lot closer than anyone expected. We gave up three in the fourth [end] and took four in the fifth [end]," Dibblee said.

Centennial countered with two in the sixth end to tie the game 6-6.

"We kept everyone guessing until the very

end. There was a possibility of three way tie for second if we lost that game," he said.

The Red Hawks pulled out the game and earned their silver medals when they secured the win with two more in the seventh end to win 8-6.

Moira, who was undefeated in three games, advances to the Ontario Federation Schools Athletics Association championship in Thunder Bay from March 23 to March 26.

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snphc@bellnet.ca

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Working Together for the Health of the Highlands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Minden Hospital Auditorium.

2011/12 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2011 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2011. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
7199 Gelert Road, P.O. Box 115
Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
Email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca

* this includes seasonal residents, i.e., summer cottagers / landowners



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COMMUNITY INVITATION

The Board of Directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be holding its March Board Meeting in Highlands East and the general public is welcome to attend.

Date: March 31, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Monmouth Curling Rink, Wilberforce
Guest: Patrick Kennedy, Director, Dept. of Emergency Services, County of Haliburton

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

April 28—Minden Hospital
Guest: Glenna Raymond, CEO, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

May 26—Haliburton Hospital
Guest: Don Ford, CEO, Central East CCAC

For further information call the Administrative Office at 705-457-2527
or email info@hhhs.on.ca

Working Together for the Health of the Highlands

Book sale at Kinmount library Saturday



Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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brucefleury@nexicom.net

Monday morning and the time change plus repeated overnight beepings of a smoke detector with low battery is taking its toll. My low spirits lifted with the radio announcement that today is International Pie Day. Visions of warm apple-filled crusts topped with vanilla ice cream were only fleeting on realizing it was pi without an E being celebrated. Now high school math was never a strength but I do remember that pi = 3.14 and is useful in circle calculations. So on this 14th day of the third month it only seems fitting that this symbol be given special recognition. Apparently the value of pi is an infinite number with the next two digits in the sequence being one and five. With pi = 3.1415 surely next March calls for a two day party complete with special Hallmark greeting cards, designer T-shirts and a school holiday declared. Better still here at the old farmhouse I'll just settle for that slice of warm apple pie a la mode.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount it's game show and

dance night this Saturday, March 19 starting at 8 p.m. Popular DJ Paul Wilson will be in charge of the music and be ready for your Irish luck and skill to be put to the test. Tickets are only \$5 and this includes a light lunch and prizes. As well mark your calendars now for the branch's ladies auxiliary spring bazaar and tea coming up on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be many beautiful craft items and handmade articles so if you need something special for Easter this is a great place to start. For more information on either event or for vendor tables at the tea please give Tracy a call at 705-488-2810 after 3 p.m.

News from the library includes a reminder that the regular monthly book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Kinmount library will be held this Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level. The branch will be a busy spot during March break and on Thursday, March 17 it will be story time with Bev at 11:15 a.m. featuring *Sadie and the Snowman*. Please note that copies of the cookbook *Farm Fresh Recipes From The City of Kawartha Lakes* are still available at the library for \$5.

Friends of the Rail Trail is delighted to present a Rail Trail nature slide show and talk by Ed Poropat in the Great Hall at Fleming College, Haliburton Village on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Ed Poropat is an educator and naturalist living in Haliburton County for over 25 years. His

interests in natural history are diverse, ranging from birds and bats to butterflies and snakes. This presentation titled A Naturalist's Guide to the Rail Trail of Haliburton County focuses on seven stops along the trail between Haliburton and Kinmount which are recognized for their diversity or significance of species that occur there. Fleming College is fully accessible. For more information please call Pamela Marsales at 705-457-4767 or email wildwoodpaths@yahoo.ca. Pamela advises that the popular Sunday Rambles will be returning in April and May and FoRT will also be offering a full schedule of events June through September with specific details to follow in future notices.

Kinmount United Church announces a special musical concert by the Tarnished Angels group from Bridgenorth on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the Galway Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Kinmount Pharmacy, Gateway Variety or by calling 705-488-2129.

For this week Happy St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. While several legends exist St. Patrick (born 385 and died 461 A.D.) is credited with using the three-leaved shamrock, now Ireland's national flower, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to unbelievers. If you've never visited this beautiful, friendly country do add it to your wish list.

Until next week . . .

Plenty of March break activities to choose from in Dorset



Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

The R. D. Lawrence Place writer-in-residence, Ron Evans, a published poet, and writer of *Scaredy Squirrel* will be available to meet with writers who are looking for tips or writing help at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesday, March 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. Ron will also be doing a story time featuring *Scaredy Squirrel*. For more information, contact Ruth at the Dorset Library at 705-766-9969.

Want to try beading? The beading class at the Dorset

Recreation Centre scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 16 starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome and the cost is \$10 + HST per person plus materials. If you have supplies (size 10, 15 and 6 seed beads), feel free to bring your own or purchase from Marlene. Please call 705-766-9968 for more information or to register.

There will be a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Jim Arbuckle's CCSVI treatments for MS on Saturday, March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Adults are \$10, children 12 and under are \$6 and a family of four (two adults and two kids) are \$25. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Sharon Arbuckle at Sharon_arbuckle@sympatico.ca or call 705-766-9305.

There is a meeting of the Dorset Community Planning Group scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 starting at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome.

On Thursday, March 24 from 7 to 9 p.m., Dorset Community Policing will be hosting the anti-racket squad from Peterborough who will be presenting a community mobilization seminar. This is timely information for all of us in light of the recent rash of break-and-enters and home invasions in the area. The squad will focus on how we can pro-

tect ourselves from crime by securing our homes, vehicles and selves. The event is free, open to everyone and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Marlene at 705-766-2409.

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival wrap up party for all carnival sponsors and volunteers is on Friday, March 25 starting at 6 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Please call 705-766-9968 by March 21 if you plan on attending.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day and leave you with a traditional Irish Blessing: "May God give you..., For every storm, a rainbow, For every tear, a smile, For every care, a promise, And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share, For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer."

Birthday wishes for the week of March 13 to 19 go out to Meghan Allore, Doug Armstrong and Emma MacKay. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

Ski The Frost is offering two for one ski/snowshoe rentals from Saturday March 12 to Sunday March 20. For more information have a look at www.skithefrost.ca or give the office a call at 705-766-9033.

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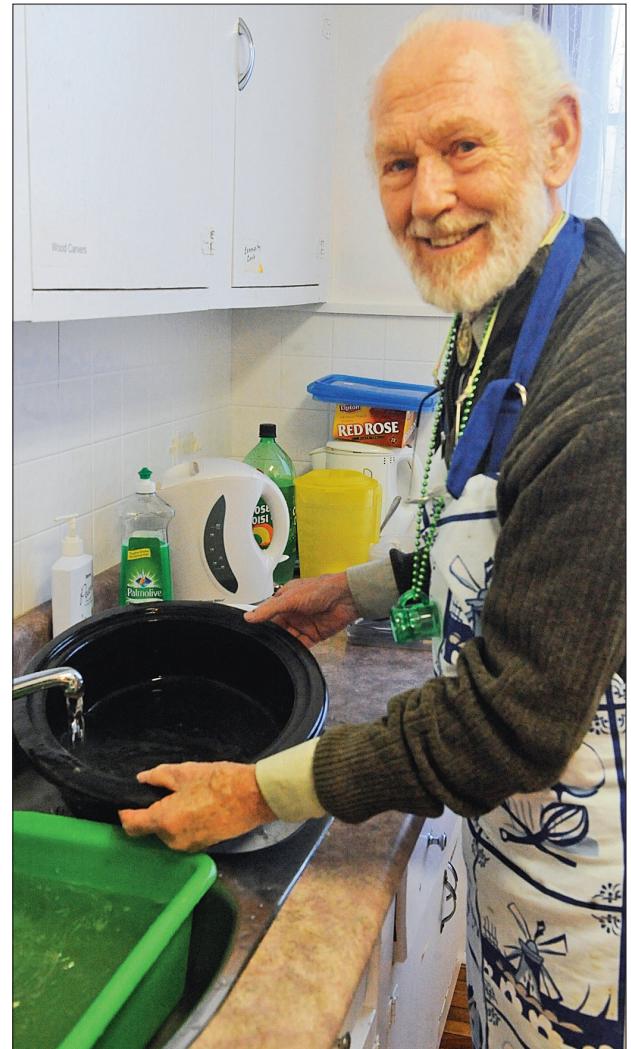




Angelica Blenich Times staff

Lochlin has the luck of the Irish

Above, kitchen helpers from left include, Audrey Carter, Linda Schrader, Sue Little and Minden Hills Councillor Jean Neville pose for a shot during the St. Patrick's Day stew dinner at the Lochlin Community Centre on March 13. The dinner was a fundraiser for the centre, which is maintained by a group of volunteers from the community. Right, John Legemaate is all smiles as he lends a hand doing dishes following the supper.



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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

The HHHS Foundation is a Not for Profit, Charitable Organization raising funds for the Minden & Haliburton Hospitals & Health Care Facilities. It is comprised of a Board of Directors & an Executive Director.

The Foundation requires an energetic person to perform general office duties, accounting & banking, data basing & receipting, minute taking & coordinating & set up of fundraising events & volunteers.

The position is for 3 days per week with the potential for 5 days per week during busy fundraising times. Occasional evenings & weekend days are required at event times.

Requirements:

- Good communication skills, both written & oral
- Working knowledge of excel, word, email, database, power point & website maintenance
- Ability to prioritize & work independently in a fast-paced environment
- Experience with accounting & banking practices
- Must be a self-starter
- Attention to detail
- Ability to multi-task in demanding situations
- Creativity/Marketing skills would be an asset
- Experience in an office environment
- Must be comfortable working with donors & volunteers
- Knowledge of Haliburton County
- Confidentiality is a must

This position begins immediately.

Interested candidates are asked to submit a resume with a covering letter by Friday, March 18th at 12 noon via email to dwalker@hhhs.on.ca

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March 21, 1 - 3 pm, \$20 per person
Location: Fleming College Room 11,
Register by March 18

SURVIVAL TO SUCCESS
With Steve Lawrence and Debbie Dzurko -
Business Development Bank of Canada
March 23, 2-3 pm, \$20 per Business
Location: Haliburton Curling Club
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THINK SPRING



U-Links

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The purpose of the event is to display the work of Trent University students involved in this year's community-based research projects.

Event Details

Saturday, March 19th, 2011

Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, The Great Hall

1:00-1:15pm – Welcomes & Introductions
1:15-2:00pm – Keynote Speaker:
Paul Rosebush

President & CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Can Health Care be integrated with Social Services?

2:00-4:00pm – Networking with Students & Community Hosts while enjoying refreshments!

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For more information please contact Jenny Smith at U-Links (705) 286-2411 or admin.ulinks@on.aibn.com

community calendar



What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Wednesday: Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission **Thursday: Bid Euchre** 7pm Echo Hills Apt.

For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618

Shepherd's Table Community Supper - every first and third Friday of the month, at Lakeside Church. Free full meal and great atmosphere. Come on out-no need to RSVP! 5:30, Park Street, Haliburton Please call 705-457-2851 if you would like to volunteer.

Babysitter Training Course: Haliburton OYEC April 19-May 30 from 4-6pm Minden OYEC April 20- June 1 from 4-6pm Students must register by April 4 Call 705-286-4625 or email oyecparented@bellnet.ca

Wednesday evenings: Overcomers Recovery Support Group 7.00 PM - 8.30 PM Overcomers is a Recovery Support Group for people overcoming life controlling issues. to watch a 5 minute promo video go to www.recoverysupport.org

For More Information Call Don or Judy 705 457-3107

March 15: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19.

For more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

March 16: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19.

For more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

March 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

March 19: Minden OYEC Pets & Pizza: 10-12:30 RSVP @ 705-286-1770

March 19: Wild Game Dinner, Auction & Dance located at the Haliburton Legion Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 a couple (available NOW) Contact the Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664

March 20: Highland Squash Club Meet & Greet: 2-5pm for more information contact Jim @ 705-4571690

March 21 & March 22 HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course March 21, and Tuesday, March 22, 9 am to 4 pm, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391. Please mail or deliver your completed registration form along with payment in the amount of \$40 (cash or cheque accepted). Please make cheque payable to 'HKPR District Health Unit'

March 21 April 4, and 11th. Come out and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing! It's the Point in Time

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Greater than the sum of its parts

Passing Lane

Joe Duarte,
QMI Agency
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It used to be easy to find parts to fix your vehicle, and their installations were usually a weekend day job performed in the shade of large oak tree with a couple cold beers close at hand, while mom laid out a picnic lunch on a large blanket and kids chased butterflies in a meadow.

You had a couple choices back then to source parts – go down to the corner garage and buy or order whatever you needed; or, go down to the local wreckers and scavenge through the wrecks for a car similar to yours from which you could remove the part in question and install it on your vehicle (if you knew enough about cars, you could scout several vehicles that had interchangeable parts).

In the days of travelling salesmen whose herds roamed far and wide across the continent, you could also sometimes spot by the side of a road a hubcap that would match the one that long ago spun away from your vehicle on a winding mountain road or got ceremoniously removed from its mount at the car wash.

Today, there's considerably more choice available for parts sourcing. Most manufacturers prefer you buy new replacement parts, which is often what insurance companies also prefer, but these parts are often costly. They do, however, come with a better warranty than the alternatives.

Costly components can also be replaced with reconditioned ones. These are parts that have been sal-

vaged, cleaned and reassembled into guaranteed units. They are less costly than new, and do come with limited warranties. For jobs that don't exceed the insurance deductibles, they provide some savings and near-new quality. If you're going to spend more than the insurance deductible, though, why not let the insurance handle the cost of replacement with new parts and put the expense through?

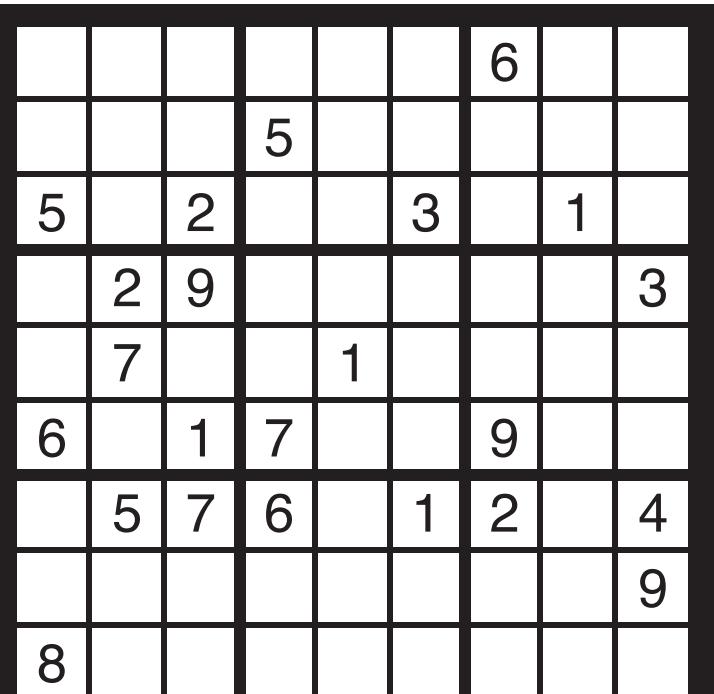
Scavenging though the local wreckers is really no longer an option, as those businesses tend to not let the average consumer into their yards (again, for insurance reasons). Rather, you have to know precisely what you want and they'll find it for you. If their inventories are catalogued (as is the one at my local yard), they can usually tell you on the spot if they have something for you. If they aren't, it may take a couple days for them to get back to you. Salvaged parts carry no warranty and may actually void your new vehicle warranty, if that's still in play.

In today's connected world, there is also the Internet, with several parts ordering catalogues. It's as easy as putting in the year make model and part name into a search engine such as Google or Bing.

And vintage vehicle owners can benefit from online clubs or forums that can help them locate parts that may be hard to come by. These online gatherings can also often offer suggestions for replacement or repair of parts ... such as checking with the local coffee shop or car wash, for parts that have been lopped off and never claimed.

In many cases, a trustworthy and considerate repairman will do the investigating of parts sources for you.

For more auto news visit autonet.ca.



Weekly Sudoku

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	3	4	2	9	7	5	6	1
2	1	6	3	5	4	7	8	9
9	5	7	6	8	1	2	3	4
6	8	1	7	3	2	9	4	5
3	7	5	4	1	9	8	2	6
4	2	9	8	6	5	1	7	3
5	6	2	8	5	2	6	3	9
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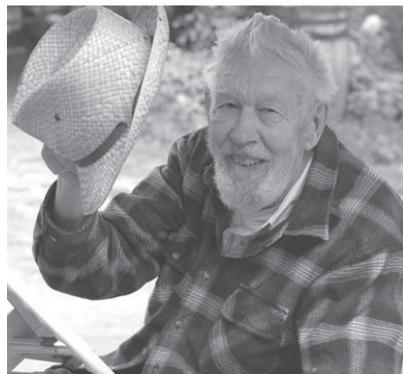
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<p>Miskwabi Lake \$224,900</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>Immaculate year-round home/cottage with deeded access to Miskwabi Lake (2-lake chain). 2 BR + den, 2 bath, basement rec-room, attached garage & workshop. Year-round Municipal road.</p> <p>Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33</p> <p>Residential Home \$187,900</p> <p>1.3 private acres year round with all the WANTS!! Custom Kitchen, newer bathrooms, antique wood floors, level land close to lakes, Haliburton and Ski Hill! Has to be seen to appreciate!</p> <p>Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22</p> <p>South Lake \$298,500</p> <p>5 Acres, waterfront, 2+2 bedrooms, 4 baths, possible in-law suite, oversized garage, fireplace in living room, gorgeous sunroom overlooking forest,you gotta see this one!</p> <p>Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25</p>	<p>Timberframe on 3 Acres \$259,900</p> <p>Large 3 BR home with granite wood burning fireplace, propane fireplace, large kitchen garage & large storage shed. Large pond with dock for swimming or fishing.</p> <p>Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128 x 27</p> <p>Country Charmer \$147,900</p> <p>SOLD</p> <p>Large 3 BR home located conveniently located between Minden and Haliburton. Newly renovated including siding, flooring and windows. One acre lot with spring-fed pond. Carport and workshop are the finishing touches!</p> <p>Peter Franzen 286-2138 x 51</p> <p>Highway 35, Minden</p> <p>Two prime building lots just north of Minden Suburb; large frontages; easy access from highway; driveways are in; \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres; commercial use possible; HST in addition.</p> <p>Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52</p> <p>Bob Lake \$479,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>This custom built 1800 sq ft log home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walk-out basement, a propane fireplace and hot tub. Must be seen!</p> <p>David Lee 286-2138 x 27</p> <p>Little Hawk Lake \$299,000</p> <p>Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!</p> <p>Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28</p> <p>Brady Lake \$329,000</p> <p>SOLD</p> <p>Flat lot with yr rnd 1483 s.f. cottage/home & 390' waterfront. Full unfinished bsmt, 3 BRs, 2 baths, ash hardwood, Napoleon airtights, UV system, insulated garage and workshop on 1.56 acres.</p> <p>Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968</p>	<p>Close to Town \$259,900</p> <p>Fantastic 3 BR, 2 bath home on a meticulously landscaped lot minutes from Haliburton Village. Large kitchen & dining room, MF laundry, office and large finished rec room in the bsmt. This home is very efficient and cheap to heat.</p> <p>Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28</p> <p>Little Hawk Lake \$299,000</p> <p>Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!</p> <p>Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28</p> <p>Denna Lake Cottage \$249,900</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>This cute and cozy starter cottage sleeps six. Large living/dining area on main floor. Gently sloping lot with clean shoreline on small lake south of Minden</p> <p>Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24</p> <p>Downtown Minden Home \$119,900</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>Great starter, rental or retirement home located within walking distance to all amenities and the Riverwalk! Nice sized level lot, 2 + 1 bedrooms, newer windows, metal room, deck and full basement.</p> <p>Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29</p>	

